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New Apportionment Bill.

By this new bill which has been reported to the House, and referred to the Committee of the Whole, but few changes have been made in boundaries of districts. But one new Senatorial District has been added, and the House is increased from forty-two to forty-seven.

The apportionment is now based on a population of 250,000, the Senatorial unit being 11,361, and the unit in the distribution of Representatives being 5,810.

The second district, including the counties of Washington, Pine, Kandiyohi, and our own county of Chisago, loses one representative. Under the proposed bill, Districts are constituted as follows:

District. Senators. Reps.

I.—County of Ramsey. 1

II.—Counties of Washington, Chisago, Pine, and Kandiyohi. 1

III.—Counties of Stearns, Todd, Cass, Wadena, Otter Tail, Anoka, Johnson, Clay, Douglas, Becker, Polk, Pennington, Morrison, Crow Wing, Aitkin, Itasca, Beltrami, Carlton, St. Louis, and Lake. (The county of Stearns to have 1 Rep.) 1

IV.—Counties of Hennepin (East) Minnehaha, Anoka, Sherburne, Benton, Isanti, and Mille Lacs. 1

V.—Hennepin County west of the Mississippi. 1

VI.—Counties of Wright, Meeker, Nicollet, Kandiyohi, and Mower. 1

VII.—Dakota County. 1

VIII.— Rice County. 1

IX.—Goodhue County. 1

X.—Wabasha County. 1

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XII.—Olmsted County. 1

XIII.—Houston County. 1

XIV.—Fillmore County. 1

XV.—Mower and Dodge counties. 1

XVI.—Stearns, Waseca and Freeborn counties (each Co. to have one Representative each year). 1

XVII.—Blue Earth and Watonwan counties. 1

XVIII.—Nobles, Brown, Sibley, Redwood, Renville, Pipestone, and Davis, (now called Chippewa County) 1

XX.—Faribault, Martin, Jackson, Cottonwood, Murray, Noble, Pipestone, and Rock counties. 1

XXI.—Carver County. 1

XXII.—Le Sueur County. 1

Total. 22

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Public Instruction.—From the mass of facts presented in the Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction we glean the following:—The number of School Districts in the State at the date of the report, was 1,824, an increase of eighty-six over the preceding year.

329 districts in the State made no report. The recommendation was made that the Department of Public Instruction be made a separate department and its duties developed upon a competent State Superintendent.

It comments ably and pointedly upon the deficiency of competent teachers, the small compensation offered and the lack of suitable school edifices.

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Local and Miscellaneous.

Mrs. PARTINGTON says: "Sweet are the uses of advertisements."

A CLERK in a mercantile establishment writes to a friend at home: "I have a nice time of it now—very little work to do—our firm don't advertise."

LAUNCH.—Captain Knapp is intending to launch his new boat, now building at Osecolea, on the ice. We believe he is a new method but will doubtless be successful.

STAYER.—Capt. Storer, to prove that his craft bears no misnomer, has transformed it into a manufactory for staves, using the steamboat machinery for the propelling power. Capt. is indefatigable.

HO! for the GOLD FIELDS.—There is every evidence of an immense emigration and transportation across the plains to Montana, in the spring. The inevitable Capt. Fisk will endeavor to pilot a train across.

GAINING.—We are happy to announce that Andy Clemenning who was reported to be seriously if not fatally injured last week is in a fair way of recovery, although he is not sufficiently recovered to be removed to his home.

ECLIPSE.—There will be five eclipses of the sun and moon this year, but one of which will be visible to us here in the Northwest. This will be total eclipse of the moon in the evening of March 30th and morning of March 31st, visible throughout the American Continent.

COMPLIMENTARY.—An editor recognizes merit in a rival, after the following fashion:

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY—passed off without any particular recognition by our town's people. The evening and far into the small hours was well enjoyed by a right merry crowd of dancers, who participated in the pleasantest social hop of the season at Union Hall. The supper reflected credit on the accomplished cook. Lish knows well how to subserve the wants of a crowd of pleasure seekers.

A TITAN OF THE FOREST.—A pine tree was cut last week on the banks of Wood Lake. It is the body of which from the stump to the branches measured, ninety-six feet. Where it topped off, its diameter was eighteen inches, and the total length of the tree was about one hundred and twenty feet. It is rarely that so large and well proportioned trees are found in this region. We saw one on Snake River, two winters ago, the diameter of which at the stump was a fraction over six feet. It was not tall or well proportioned.

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\$1200 have been subscribed towards the erection of a Methodist Church at Osecolea—work to commence in the early spring time.

The great depth of the snow, the unfrozen swamps, and the thin shell of ice on the rivers must have a tendency toward an early opening of navigation and high water in the spring.

OUR ISSUE.—We give on our inside this week the report of President Johnson's interview with the Freedmen, and since Congress has been in session, have given a weekly synopsis of the doings of that body. There will also be found the current news of the day and a large amount of interesting miscellany and poetry. Altogether we present our readers each week with a larger amount of interesting matter than any other paper in the St. Croix Valley.

STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—This Society held its sixth annual meeting at the Representatives Hall of the Capital on the 5th.

The time of holding the Annual State Fair was fixed for the first week in October, 1866, at such places as will afford to the Committee the greatest inducements.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Dr. T. Mann of Washington county; Secretary, Chas. H. Clark of Hennepin; Treasurer, W. L. Ames, of Ramsey.

The following resolution with respect to Agricultural statistics was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby request our Representatives in the present Legislature to make it the duty of assessors in the several townships throughout the State to return with their annual assessment roll a statement of the number of acres of land under cultivation, and the amount of produce raised in each township, and report the same to the County Auditor, who shall return said reports to the Secretary of State to be used in his collected and published in pamphlet form.

REBELLION.—While yet the streams and lakes are firmly held in the embrace of winter, has abdicated the throne whereon he has kept himself these many months, holding such implacable and unswayed rule. March, the blustering foreunner of the vernal season, now holds sway. He mellowed down the stormy character usually ascribed to him and quietly assumed the controlling power. As he came in like a lamb he must go out like a lion, or a fig for the old patriarchs of our forefathers.

PISCATOR.—While yet the streams and lakes are firmly held in the embrace of winter, many of their finny denizens that so easily disport themselves beneath the ice covering, have been served up by the white, black and aboriginal water whipping disciplines of Isaac Walton, who have presented their efforts to ensnare the wily inhabitants of the water element through numberless apertures in the roof of their aqueous abode.

REBELLION.—That so early, the genial Spring will unlock the close winter quarters, and the aforesaid disciplines of the gentle Isaac, may avail themselves of the meandering brooks and quiet lakes, which do so abundantly in "speckled beauties" and other coarser varieties, and sing a quoniam piscatorial enthusiast:

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A GRAND TRAIL.—We see most of the leading N. Y. Dailies have given full and detailed reports of a grand trial of sewing machines, such as has never been known in any country; more thorough, exhaustive and conclusive, and on quite a novel plan withal.

It appears that the Florence, as a representative of the Lock-Stitch or Shuttle Stitch class—challenged the World to compare Sewing Machines. The Agent of the Wilcox & Gibbs Silent Sewing Machines at the place, was one who accepted the challenge. The competitors were allowed to choose one judge each, who together should choose others. The competitors were then required to place in writing, and present each point upon which superiority was claimed. The trial proceeded and at the end of five days, the Florence representing the Lock Stitch Machines, was found to have sustained two points out of all which they had entered. The Wilcox & Gibbs, which had to fight its battle alone—as no other Machine takes or can take the Twisted Loop Stitch—presented thirty-five points of superiority over all the others, and upon summing up every one of the thirty-five points here sustained, and unanimously acknowledged by the judges of the trial, the Wilcox & Gibbs Silent Sewing Machine was declared to be completely and overwhelmingly triumphant.

The conclusion of these eminent practical judges seems to have been endorsed, as we learn, by Ninety-three First Premiums, in almost every State, during the last season of Fairs. This must have been a large majority of premiums offered, and hence, more than those awarded to all other Machines combined.

A full report of said trial, may be had free, by addressing L. Cornell & Co., 133 Lake Street, Chicago, Ill.

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Legislative.

A bill has been introduced to fix the rate of postage to be charged by the St. Croix Boom Corporation. Our readers are familiar with the object of this bill, as probably the most of them have experienced more or less disadvantage from this greatest monopoly on the St. Croix.

The bill for an act fixing the time of holding Courts in this county, passed unanimously on the third reading. This we believe provides for semi-annual trials.

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General News of the Week.

There is a rumor at Washington that the Hon. George Bancroft will be appointed Secretary of State "at some future period."

The fact of Mr. Jencks's bankrupt bill is now considered doubtful.—Mr. Stevens of Pennsylvania, having taken ground against it, alleging that it would benefit disloyal men at the expense of loyal ones.

Mr. Bancroft, previous to the delivery of his oration on Mr. Lincoln, caused an intimation to be given to the English and French Ministers, that the address would contain passages relative to their Government, to which they might consider it unpleasing to listen.

A severe storm of snow and wind prevailed throughout the West on the 17th, and an intense degree of cold was experienced. At Leavenworth, Kansas, the thermometer indicated a temperature of 16 degrees below zero. Railroads were much obstructed. On the same day at San Francisco, California, the mercury was 75 degrees above zero.—Summer weather.

The Old House has passed a bill fixing eight hours as a day's labor. The vote stood 70 to 14.

The State Department has received proofs of a conspiracy in Canada and Europe against United States finances. The plan of the conspirators is to create a panic in European markets in regard to United States securities, and, by forcing home our bonds held abroad to bring on a financial crisis here and prostrate the financial interests of the country. The principal conspirator in Canada is one Vernon, who is in correspondence with the Rothschilds, Hope & Co. of Amsterdam, Earl Russell and the London Times.

A new steamship company for the New York and San Francisco service, *via* Panama, in opposition to the Pacific Mail, has been organized at New York with a capital of \$1,000,000.

Right Reverend John B. Fitzpatrick, Catholic Bishop of Boston, died on the 12th inst., aged fifty-three years.

Jennison, the Kansas Jayhawker, it is reported, has become a brigadier in the Fenian service, and is going to Canada.

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A letter from President Juarez says that the Imperialists are expending their last resources, and are becoming dismaliarized. He is very hopeful of the success of the Republicans in Mexico, even without the military aid of the United States.

A naval iron, 1,600 feet in length, has been discovered under the Minnesota bays in Lake Louis.

A gang of seven horse thieves were recently hung by a vigilance committee at Saltillo, Miss.

The Kentucky Legislature has passed a bill taxing the negroes of that State \$2 each for the support of the colored papers.

Cots, the alleged Lake Erie pirate, was brought before a Court in New York on the 12th, on a writ of *habeas corpus*,—the Government making no return, and was discharged.

One Armed Party, the guerrilla, has been found guilty, by a military commission at Louisville, of eleven murders, and has been sentenced to be hung on the 2d prox.

Gen. Grant contradicts the report of his murder, and asserts that Mississippi is loyal.

The Mercer female-emigration scheme is severely denounced in San Francisco, it being asserted that the women are likely to find neither labor or husband on the Pacific coast.

The President of the Texas State Convention, Mr. Throckmorton, is stated by a New Orleans telegram to have been a strenuous opponent of secession. A despatch from Austin says that, after organizing, the first move of the Convention was to vote down, by 41 to 39, a motion to take the amnesty oath prescribed by President Johnson.

The Concord (N. H.) Railroad Company has discovered that conductors and other parties have been engaged extensively in embezzlement of its funds and issue of spurious tickets, and has attached property of the parties to the amount of \$10,000.

Services in commemoration of President Lincoln were held at the National Capitol on the 12th, before both Houses of Congress. The President and Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the Diplomatic Corps, and other dignitaries. The address was pronounced by George Bancroft, who spoke for about two hours and a half. All the Governmental departments were closed during the day, and Congress transacted no business not connected with the solemn ceremonial.

The citizens of Michigan City, Ind., at the head of Lake Michigan, are still "agitating" the subject of making a good harbor at that place. Of the \$200,000 that will be needed to insure the success of the enterprise, about \$100,000 has already been subscribed, and the citizens are sanguine of their ability to raise the remainder.

The proposition to amend the Constitution of Minnesota, making intelligence instead of color a qualification of suffrage, has been rejected by the lower House of the Legislature.

Twenty-seven children were drowned in the reservoir at Selins, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 7th. They were attending school in the vicinity of the reservoir, and at noon all the scholars but two, twenty-seven in number, went on the ice to slide, when it broke with them, the whole party drowned before help could reach them. Late reports pronounced this a hoax.

The Chilian war with Spain begins to assume an interesting phase. The combined Peruvian and Chilian forces are under orders to commence hostilities against Spain. Chilian iron-clads are on the coast of Cuba, and rams are on the way from England. Torpedoes and ironclad machines have been received at Callao. In the meantime, Spain is white with rage, and orders all the rest of the world to stand one side, under penalty of incurring her wrath, while she administers punishment.

President Johnson, on the 10th, received a delegation of the Virginia Legislature, and in his reply to them, stated that he could not be induced to treat the Southern States as Territories, but should take every step necessary to bring about practically a restoration of the Union. He declared his determination to avoid extreme measures.

rumors of a contemplated resignation of

Secretary Stanton are again current at Washington, and Gen. Steedman and Montgomery Blair are mentioned in connection with the succession.

The House Military Committee has agreed to report the bill creating the grade of General, the pay being fixed at \$120 per month more than that of the Lieutenant-General.

John Kennedy has been convicted of having been one of the murderers of Patrick Maloney, at the Sand Ridge, in the town of Clermont, Cook county, Ill. This is the same murder for which Kennedy's associates, Patrick Fleming and William Corbett, were hanged in Chicago last December. Kennedy is sentenced to be hanged on the 2d of next March.

Gen. Grant has ordered that transportation should not hereafter be furnished to furloughed soldiers.

A man was arrested in New York on the 7th, with six large boxes in his possession, containing military equipments for the Fencibles. Col. O'Mahony claimed the property, and the prisoner was discharged.

Gen. Auguste Barlae has been giving the San Francisco Register a novel balloon ascent. He came to grief. He was carried out over the bay, dropped into the water, and swam to shore amid the cheers of the breathless thousands.

A Northern man, who recently purchased a farm within eighty miles of Vicksburg, was notified by a man to leave within five days. He at once set his freedom to work building a small fort, on which he raised the American flag. He then armed his friends, and notified the mob that he was ready to leave if they were ready to force him away. He had not been further molested at last accounts.

John Minor Botts is at the head of a movement in Virginia for the removal of Gov. Pierpont.

Ex-Gov. Gratz, Senator elect from North Carolina, has come out in favor of negro testimony.

Trouble is likely to arise between France and China, from the fact that the French Catholic missionaries in China have been driven from their missions contrary to treaty provisions.

A woman named Susannah Abrams was arrested on the 6th, in New York, by government detectives, who found in her man the steel plate from which it is alleged, she had been forged.

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The Louisville *Times* tells of a breach of promises in which a lady, 28 years of age obtained a verdict of \$14,000 against a reaping of over 122 acres.

The famous "Damascus blades" are proved, previously to being struck, by striking them upon stones, and rods and gun-barrels, which split them in two, and cause them to fly like shrapnel.

Advices from Aspinwall say that Peru has formed an alliance, offensive and defensive, with Chile, and made common cause with her against Spain. Two frigates and two steam corvettes have left Peru to effect a junction with the Chilean fleet.

During December fifty Post-mistresses were appointed.

Eighty thousand well to do Germans emigrated to this country in the past year.

The expense of lighting up the Hall of Representatives at Washington with gas is \$150 a night, and the cost of heating is \$25 additional.

No less than thirteen persons were hung before a court in the United States, during the month of January.

Two years ago a druggist of Portland purchased a lot of rhubarb at 50 cents per pound. Last week he sold a large quantity of the same to a Boston firm for \$5.50 per pound. A singl small margin for such a sum.

—The *Times* of Rochester says that two men drove rapidly through Rochester, each holding in his arms a child wrapped in bullet rags. The screams of the children induced a policeman to stop the men. Throwing aside the robe, he discovered that the clothing of the children was bullet rags. It was on the most intimate terms with Mr. Jefferson, as you may have heard, it being now master of history, and I soon found out that politicians still philosophize. He is a son of a carpenter, and his skill at this has in anything else. Very few could beat him, and at last he could not endure defeat. Knowing this and feeling that I was his match, I had always declined playing, as I did not want to quarrel with him, but when he touched my Virginia pride, in so pointed a way that I could no longer refuse with honor, and we sat down to play. It was a warm match, Greek, I lengthened checkmate, and he was my opponent afterwards.

The Professor of Greek and Latin in the Baker University, Kansas, is acceptably filled by Miss Martha Hilliard. She has occupied the chair for a year, and the late Commencement was selected by the faculty to deliver the annual address, which she performed very handsomely. She is but 21 years of age.

—There is more skating on Central Park, New York, on Sunday, than any other day. The crowd there Sunday, 4th inst., was estimated at 100,000, no less than \$80,000 being skated.

A large addition to the well known Glen House, at the White Mountains, which was in process of construction, was blown down by a tornado a few days since.

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—The sharpers in Waterbury, Conn., twelve years old each, have started a local newspaper. They do the editing, composition, and press-work themselves, and sell their own paper on the street. The sheet measures 12 by 18 inches.

—Seven persons have just escaped from Sing Sing. This makes fifteen twenty who have broken jail there within a month or two.

—Bierstadt's new picture, "A Storm on the Rocky Mountains," has just been finished and placed in exhibition in New York.

The young lady students of the Seneca

Falls Academy have organized a literary society, and have selected a name for it, "The Go-Home-Alone."

The new ship canal across the Isthmus of Suez is now in running order.

A veriant but terribly determined pair of elopers were married in the cars near Portland, on the other day. The passengers liked it.

Nevada is on the eve of adopting the national currency (greenbacks); and things are working toward the same result in California.

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Gen. Grant's opinion of the necessity for the Freedmen's Bureau is pretty emphatic, as witness the following:

"In some form the Freedmen's Bureau is an absolute necessity until civil law is established and enforced, securing to the freedmen their Rights and full protection. * * * * It cannot be expected that the opinions held by men at the South for years, can be changed in a day, and, therefore, the freedmen require, for a few years, not only laws to protect them, but the fostering care of those who will give them good counsel, and on whom they can rely." —*Gen. Grant to the President, Dec. 18, 1865.*

The *Round Table*, in an article justly denouncing the beggary returns, which many parishes make to their presiding clergymen, pays this deserved tribute to ministers as a class:

We think it will be readily conceded that there is a class of professional men which works more laboriously, or confers more dignities upon the nation than its clergymen. This is not a city, town or village in the land where they do not take a prominent position, & every good word and work, in connection out of season or their toil is never ended; their patience never exhausted; their goods never withheld. Every local matter of interest is made strong by their aid, and there is no one but in some way receives counsel, comfort, or friendly attention from these faithful pastors. By night and by day they hold themselves in readiness to minister to whosoever may call. And all the while their round of study and writing must continue unceasingly. They are never masters of their own time. They never can feel that their work is finished. In fact, they work more constantly and less independently than any other class of men. They are an honor to the country and the cause which they uphold. No vacation has absorbed so many men of talent, dignity and worth.

ASTORIAN STATEMENT.—The N. Y. Times states that his country did more to feed Europe during the years 1862-3 and 4 than the three years which immediately preceded the late war. The quantity of wheat shipped in the midst of the war was two and three-fourths times greater than before, while the amount of ham and bacon was increased eight times. This is certainly a remarkable exhibit, when it is remembered that during these three years of war we had an average of a million of men in the army, whose producing capacity was for the time lost to the country. If our nation can engage in, and carry through to a successful termination, the most gigantic war that ever shook the world with its terrible convulsions, while at the same time the people continue prosperous at home, and their exports are largely increased, what can it not do? In comparison with our past four years the greatest achievements of history sink into utter insignificance.—*Astorian Chamber.*

MINNESOTA imported a good part of the bread-stuffs of her White inhabitants down to 1850. In 1855, she fed herself abundantly, and exported \$8,256 bushels of Wheat, with a large quantity of Oats. She will grow and more hereafter, but probably export less, finding it more profitable to export Wool, Butter, Cheese, &c., and to manufacture more of the fabrics required to clothe her people. She ought to be at least one hundred busy factories before the census of 1870; and, if the tariff is made right, she will have.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

MILL IMPROVEMENTS.—The *Messenger* referring to the great mill of Hersey, Staples & Hall, at Stillwater says:

The proprietors expect to saw from sixty to seventy thousand feet of lumber every twelve hours, besides a proportionate amount of shingles, lath and pickets. They are also enlarging and improving their facilities for rafting their lumber—this work all being done under cover. The "cribs," 16 X 32 feet, and ranging from one to two feet in thickness to accommodate the state of water in the river, are rafted on "ways," and when completed, are launched two hundred feet into deep water where they are coupled together and made ready for running to markets below. They now have in their boats from ten to fifteen million feet of logs and a like amount to arrive in the spring. Anticipating high water this spring, they are enlarging and improving their capacity for booming logs—already extensive—the boom extending north and south of the mill a distance of over one and one-half miles.

SAINT LOUIS LETTER.

Saint Louis, March 1st 1866.

DAR REPORTER:—Since our last episode nothing of special import has transpired until recently. If our memory serves us aright our last "com" dated about the time of the removal of the ice embargo, which cast a gleam of hope throughout business circles that then had fairly opened what was fondly anticipated to be the heaviest trade that had transpired on western waters for many years. Nevertheless it has thus far proved disastrous enough. Hardly has the ink on the pen of a local reporter had time to dry, any time this year from recording disasters to river commerce. Never before in so short a period, have the elements of fire and water made such a havoc among water craft. Last night was the consummation of the long, continuous line of misfortunes.—Four of our noblest steamers, the Dictator, Peytona, Lusa, and Leviathan, fell an easy prey to the demon fire. Between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock when all was quiet from the labors of a busy day, the dread alarm was sounded, from the steamer Peytona lying at the wharf at the foot of Walnut street. The Lusa, lying above and the great Leviathan and Dictator below, and in less than ten minutes from the first alarm, despite the usual exertions of the firemen, they were a sheet of flames, and owing to the nature of the material of the fire could not be allayed. The origin of the fire as usual in such cases is unknown beyond conjecture. Total loss over \$700,000. This brings the aggregate number of boats lost by ice, explosions, collisions and fire on the Lower Mississippi in three months, up to sixty.

The principal excitement of the year has been of a political nature, caused by the enunciation of the presidential policy in his Veto, and speech to the senators. On Saturday evening the Democrats of this city held a mass Meeting at the Court House, which strongly approved and endorsed the famous or infamous, (as the case may be), course of our Chief executive—Moses. Whether right or wrong we will not here discuss, but it most assuredly meets the hearty approval of all ex-obs, quasi-unionists, and conservatives. Many of the speakers took this occasion to express "bold and manly sentiments" (!) which had been closely cribbed and confined these many years in their own secret conclaves from fear of public notice.

Tomorrow night the great John B. Gough commences the delivery of a course lectures in this city. His first effort will be on "Habit" next "Peculiar People" and lastly "Temperance." Rest assured we shall not fail of again listening to the "thoughts that breath and words that burn" which are coined in the brain, and fall from the lips of this world renowned orator.

The musical talent of this community has been stirred to its profoundest depths by the appearance in this saintly city of the prodigy "Blind Tom." A negro boy eighteen years of age, whose performances are truly wonderful, as he is young and a representative of the (so called) inferior race of human beings.

A few evenings ago we had the pleasure of witnessing the laughable farce of the "Irish Lion" at DeBar's Opera House. It awakened vivid reminiscences of school boy days, when we made our first appearance on the stage as one of the characters in this same farce.—

Many of your readers that I wet of, now occupying responsible positions, and some also in soldiers graves, also figure conspicuously in that same.

Saint Louis is at last to have an Opera House which shall be an ornament and credit to the city. Attached thereto will be a museum for choice curiosities and an Art Gallery. The whole to be constructed regardless of expense and calculated to surpass anything of the description in the Western or Middle states.—It will be completed during the month of July.

The weather is changeable as usual.—

At times the mercury goes down lower than has been known for years—10° below zero. Then for variety we are treated to snow, rain, sleet and wind. You have our sympathies for the suffering to be endured during the unprecedented cold weather you have experienced, but

for us we beg your heartfelt commiseration for the most undesirable condition which one relapses into in this climate, who has been accustomed to the dry, rare atmosphere of the beautiful Northwest.

The idea of bridging the Mississippi,

at this point is at present under serious

consideration, and we think with a fair

prospect of ultimate success,

Prominent business men in the South

are awaking to a just realization of the

fact that their own interests are closely

allied with those of the Northwest. Space

will not permit a learned statistical

quotation on this important subject.

Every new phase affairs assumed in the

St. Paul Anti-Monopoly Convention

was eagerly watched, seriously comment-

ed on and now bearing legitimate fruit

in the shape of bills, memorials and po-

petitions presented to Congress.

There promises to be a large emigration

to Montana this spring, and boats

have already commenced loading for the

trip. A regular line of light draught

steamers will be put on the trade from

there to Fort Benton.

We know of several quondam residents

of Taylor's Falls who are contemplating

a journey to the so called El Dorado.

We hope soon to receive a Reporter

chronicling your enfranchisement from ice

bound bondage, when opportunity will

be given for better communication with

the outside world. An Revoir, Ed.

(For the Reporter)

SPRING.

BY JOHN R. PEPPER.

What joyous sound is that I hear, What note of gladness, as to cheer The spirit of the poet child?

The little bird that loves to sing The early coming of the spring.

Who does not think of other days His father's coat, his mother's knee, While the tulips to the merry lya Thrillings from the broken tree?

Of early ramble through the glen, Who does not wish these back again,

On the bright window, long ago, One that the robin brought to bough, And with the singing and the how, And sweetly as they warble now,

And on I turn my willing ear, The minstrels of the grove to hear.

Ah, happy spring! In the 1 tree The shades of departed forms;

I see my mother's smiling face;

For whom my heart is fondly warm;

And for a cheering strain of joy, In manhood I am yet boy,

WHISKEY AND NEWSPAPERS.

—In an exchange we find the following item, and copy it:

A glass of whiskey is manufactured from a portion of dozen grains of corn, the value of which is too small to be estimated. A glass of this mixture sells for a dime, and if of a good brand is considerably well worth the money. It is drunk in a minute or two. It fires the brain, sharpens the appetite, deranges and weakens the physical system. On the same sideboard on which the deleterious beverage is served lies a newspaper. It is covered with half a million of types which brings intelligence from the four quarters of the globe. The newspaper cost less than the glass of grog—but it is no less strange than that there is a large number of people who think corn juice cheap, and newspapers dear.

ATTENTION FARMERS.—Goods of nearly all descriptions can be bought cheaper of our merchants at this place, than at any other point. Customers are allowed the full benefit of decline in eastern markets, and will receive the benefit of any further decline. We assure our readers that nothing on the part of our merchants is left undone, to render entire satisfaction to purchasers. There has been a very material change in the price of goods recently, many endeavoring to dispose of their stocks at actual cost. Taylor's Falls is the place to purchase goods.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—L. J. Stark to Amali Stark, 140 acres for \$600.

Baurot Roduner to Jesse Moore 80

acres in Wyoming for \$200.

Carl Gabrielson to Israel Jonasson, 70

acres in Franconia for \$225.

Carl Gabrielson to John Linquist, 30

acres in Franconia for \$425.

Alick Anderson to Charles Charleton, 40

acres in Franconia for \$250.

Hokan Dahlstrom to Alick Anderson, 80

acres in Chisago Lake for \$440.

Heirs of A. M. Dahlstrom to Nils

Daniel Anderson, 68 acres Chisago Lake \$300.

Class Dahlstrom's Land, 200 acres

—Wm. Allen to A. Baier and F. Tang, 40 acres Taylor's Falls \$200.

Sara Hanscom to Rebecca Rogers, 10

acres in Franconia for \$225.

J. A. Shaffer and Ezra Carr to Laura

W. Carr, 40 acres in Amador for \$400.

New Ans.—This week we call atten-

tion to several New Advertisements which

will be found in another place. H. K.

Taylor is already well-known to our

readers, as one of the largest and fairest

dealers in Dry Goods in this State. He

freely uses painter's ink and is accord-

ingly well known and popular among country

buyers. Damon Greenleaf is another St.

Paul dealer, who makes Clocks, Watch-

& Jewelry, his specialty. We recom-

mend him to all. B. Ellsworth of

Stillwater is personally known to the

majority of our readers, as an excellent

workman and needs no guaranty from

us. Send him your work and he will

work satisfaction in all cases. Park-

inson & Co., is a New York firm. Read

their advertisement, and the entire work-

of their system will be explained.

The prospectus of the New York Weekly

is also given. As a story paper, we

recommend it to those desiring such a

journal.

TOWN & COUNTY MATTERS.

REPARING.—Mr. W. H. C. Folsom has put a crew of men at work upon his new building on the corner of Beach and Government streets, when completed it promises to be an ornament to the town.

NEXT COURT.—By Legislative action the next session of District court will be held at the County Seat on Thursday last.

SOME BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE was transacted which we will endeavor to give in their proceedings next week.

FREE BOARD.—Jack Frost has proved himself a public economist by keeping in good repair his free bridge across the St. Croix in front of our office. His term has however about expired, and travelers will have to go prepared with fractional currency.

TEAMS for the gold regions traverse our County from all directions. The route by Chisago Lake is quite extensive and patronized. For summer travel, we propose to give certain reasons why the route by Prescott, Taylor's Falls and Sunrise City is far preferable to the St. Paul route. Why it is cheaper, more expedition and actually better in downward tendency. Hail the day.

SKATING.—Skating and coasting, will soon be numbered among "the things that were, but are not." The roads are in a deplorable condition and one is debarred pleasure in any available method of locomotion.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. Nichols of Hudson will be found for a few days longer at the Chisago House. Persons des

Miscellany.

The Cooper's Cow-Trade.

Josephine Allen was a Cooper. He had a little house in the outskirts of the village where he shared and thrummed away, early and late. A more honest man never lived—nor, at least, he was as honest as man need be. He owned a respectable dwelling and a few acres of land, and he kept a pig, and some hens, and a cow, and a garden, and a pigpen under the special care of Mrs. Josephine Allen. It was generally acknowledged that nobody's pig was as sleek and fat as was Mrs. Allen's; nobody's eggs were so large, and so well laid, and so white, and so healthy, as were those of Mrs. Allen. This is Mrs. Josephine Allen's butter." "This is Mrs. Josephine Allen's butter," said Mrs. Allen, bringing these eggs in. "The eggs were bought immediately. And Josephine herself occupied a place equally firm in the confidence of his fellow. His word was good as a bond, and his work done.

One spring Josephine went with a nail and hammer, her wife, to the floor of the barn and broke her leg—broke it so badly that mending was out of question. What should he do for another cow?

"You must buy and buy one," said his wife.

"But cows must be high at this season."

"Never mind. A cow we must have. You ought to get a good one for fifteen dollars—a good new milk cow."

"I can let you have ten—it ten dollars that I have laid by from the sale of butter and eggs."

This furnished with the "sheows" of trade, and the stockmen in search of a cow, and after comparing the price they will ask, finding what he sought, he finally brought up with Mr. John Potman. He had seen many just such cows as he wanted, but this was the first he had forgotten.

"The look here, Stanly," he said, addressing the stockmen, "if Seth Folsom comes in here, I wish you'd tell him he can see that cow for exactly." And with this Amos had gone but a few steps, when he heard his name pronounced.

"Mr. Potman, Ah—stop a moment. You spoke of a cow."

"Yes, Amos. Amos had but expected this for he knew that the old rascal still wanted two or three good milkers."

"Yes, sir," said Amos.

"What have you got?"

"A cow which was left with me by a friend who was away."

"What is she?"

"Come and see for yourself."

"Where is she?"

"She will be in my yard at sundown this evening."

"Come and look at her."

That evening, when Amos drove his cattle from the pasture, he turned the old cow into the yard with a thump. A homespun road bridge at Maresilles had washed away, and at Fremont, Ohio, where the Sandusky is swollen beyond all precedent, and the business portion of the town flooded.

The Morris Fire and Inland Insurance Company of New York has failed.

Two boys, George Finch and Thomas Murphy, were drowned in the mid-race at Iresonford's mill, Indiana, on the 25th, while skating on the ice.

The President has had an interview with the Secretary of the Treasury, who is relative of the British registered ship *Sea King*. The London journals characterize the correspondence as of an irritating nature.

Cleveland had something very much like an earthquake on the 15th. The earth was shaken, accompanied by a loud, dull roar, and a fissure was made in the earth for a long distance, extending into the ground for a depth of several feet, and being about two or three inches wide at the top. The gap closed up during the day. The phenomena is supposed to have been caused by an intense cold.

An incident is related of the late Rev. Dr. Nott, President of Union College, which certainly shows the old gentleman's character in a more amiable light, although most of his life is to be found in the *Sketches of a Northern Clergyman*.

The Georgia Legislature has passed a resolution unanimously accepting the benefits of the Agricultural College Land Grant.

Mrs. Jacob M. Howard, wife of Senator Howard, of Michigan, died at Detroit on the 28th. Her disease was consumption.

A Sandwich Island letter announces the sale of the children's missionary ship, the *Morning Star*, built some years ago from the contributions of Sunday schools in this country. A new craft is to take her place.

At a Fenian meeting at Washington, on the 26th, intimations were given of a plan to seize British Columbia and establish a harbor for privateers on the Pacific coast that will sweep away British commerce.

The Montreal public are, in distress, a severe freeze having congealed their aqueduct and shut off their supply of water.

The white military force is set at work chopping off the ice.

A batch of far Western news may be thus briefly compiled: A tremendous snow storm swept over Montana early in the month. At Virginia City the season was mild, and pleasant. There have recently been very large seizures of gold under the revenue law by Collector Langford of Montana, and the matter was to be taken to Washington for adjustment.

One of the participants in the express robbery at St. Louis has been arrested, and \$8,000 of the money recovered.

Col. Forney gave a party on the night of the 26th, and among those present was President Johnson.

A secret military council of the O'Mahony Fanions has been in session at New York, and an immediate demonstration on Ireland is promised.

The rebel Major Gee is now on trial by a military commission at Raleigh, North Carolina, for cruelty to Union prisoners at the Salisbury prison, of which he was commandant.

The Canada *Gazette* contains a proclamation warning American fishermen that they cannot use the Canadian shore fisheries after the 17th of March next.

Reverdy Johnson was in Baltimore when he was notified that the vote on the ratification was to be taken in the Senate, but immediately put himself in route for the Capital on a locomotive and tender, which performed the distance of forty miles in forty-one minutes.

The Indians in Michigan are committing outrages on the frontier, and the Indians have been called to move against them.

A few days afterwards Potman met Amos.

"Amos, I'm a good cow," said Amos. "I'm not so much for a cow, but I'm a good cow."

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Geological Investigations of the St. Croix Valley.

To the Hon. Senate and House of Representatives of Minnesota.

In conformity to an act approved March 2nd, 1865, requiring me to report to the Legislature the result of my labors and explorations in the valley of St. Croix, I beg leave to report that I have made examinations on what is termed the Kettle River trap range, which crosses Kettle River in township thirty-nine and forty north, and nineteen west, and have discovered a copper vein, upon which I have expended a sufficient sum to show it to be very promising for a rich paying vein, and will designate it as the Kettle River Vein.

I have also found, what I consider, good indications of a paying copper vein, crossing St. Croix River below the mouth of Kettle River, in town 39 north, west, and one on Snake River, which may be mistaken in the policy of reorganization which they favor, but there is surely no reasonable ground for believing that they are hostile to the Union or Government. Their views of the true, course to pursue may hopelessly differ, but certainly while their intentions are beyond suspicion the difference of their views may be discussed without ceremony.

There was never a subject, indeed, which required more deliberate consideration. The honor of the country pledges to the freedom; the security of the portion of the town was reduced to ashes. The fight from the conflagration was witnessed a distance of thirty miles from the scene of disaster.

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Yours truly,
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Political Abuse.

The following extract from a long article on The Situation embodies some truths which might be profitably acted on by active politicians and journalists: During the great debate in which the country is now engaged it is well to remember that temperance of tone and a careful regard for truth are always powerful allies. We have lately had signal illustrations of the folly of extravagant statements and personal aspersions; and there can be no more palpable absurdity than that those who stood steadily together against rebellion when rebellion was formidable are now anxious and plotting to surrender the Government to rebels defeated and disgraced. Yet these are charges gravely made against such men as Charles Sumner on the one hand, and Andrew Johnson on the other. Now either or both of these gentlemen may be mistaken in the policy of reorganization which they favor, but there is surely no reasonable ground for believing that they are hostile to the Union or Government. Their views of the true, course to pursue may hopelessly differ, but certainly while their intentions are beyond suspicion the difference of their views may be discussed without ceremony.

A disastrous fire occurred in Saint Cloud a few days since, destroying five or six of the best business houses in the town. The loss is estimated at \$35,000—about two-thirds of which was covered by insurance.

The city of Minneapolis was visited with one of the most disastrous fires on Friday night of last week with which our State has ever been afflicted. An entire block was totally destroyed, embracing a loss of over one hundred thousand dollars. One quarter of the business portion of the town was reduced to ashes. The fight from the conflagration was witnessed a distance of thirty miles from the scene of disaster.

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CAUTION.—Spring time approaches and King Cholera is in the West Indies where he counts his victims by the thousands. And there is no reason to doubt that it will presently appear to desolate our own land. It is therefore important that efficient and relentlessly thorough measures be adopted for the preservation of the health. Exorcise the spirit of dirt which pervades to a greater or less extent everywhere, from the bodily exertions to the accumulations of filth around stables and barnyards.

Paid to the County Auditor for 3 mos salary as Co. Aud. blanks

for 1865. \$178 00

Wm Comer for 18 days attending final sale \$310 per day. 54 03

W. B. Folson for printing as agent for the State Auditor 20 00

George Boo for writing, stationery &c. per hill. 35 00

Luther Wyckoff fees as Clerk of the Dist. court for 1865 for fee Oct. term \$180 00

Wyckoff Clark &c. for stationary to Sheriff. 2 40

Salina Trussell for jury fees 4.50

L. K. Stannard for services as School examiner. 4 00

Robt Currie for solicitor. 8 00

George Nathan County Sheriff and mileage. 13 41

Wm. H. Taylor for 1865 and mileage. 6 00

County orders issued for Soldiers' families from March 14th to date. 505 00

County commissioners counter signed to date. 27 97

Ward W. Folson for pub. delinquent list 308 30

S. S. Hamilton Sherriff fees for 1865. 85 20

H. N. Schenck on council fee in case Armstrong vs Conroy. 4 00

Taylor's Falls Reporter for printing. 41 80

G. B. Folson for Land of fact abstracts. 1 00

O. Ross for stationery. 15 25

Sven Nelson for keeping paper Caroline Nelson 4 months. 30 00

H. B. Folson for Land of fact abstracts. 4 00

Wm. Comer for office rent. 63 60

Otoe Wallmark for salary. 320 05

W. B. Folson for services as school examiner. 13 20

Court certificates. 139 93

Amount paid County Treas for 8 days on regular 41 80

County Orders redeemed. 4 00

General school fund 2655 86

Interest on 1865. 85 20

Court certificates. 167 90 2247 76

Total amount disbursements. 14693 35

SEVERAL FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

To state of Minnesota. \$1712 26

Common school fund. 785 72

Otoe Wallmark for 1865. 5 88

Sunrise township for road and town purposes. 12 00

Amherst township for road and town purposes. 97 85

Chicago City for road and town purposes. 110 41

Ward 1 for bringing election returns from Bushells. 414 02

Ward 2 for bringing election returns from Amherst. 1218 90

Ward 3 for bringing election returns from Sunrise. 518 67

Taylor's Falls town ship for road to town. 472 74

George Davis for tax on 1865. 13 35

Town of Taylor's Falls town tax. 165 19

School dist. No. 18 for 1865. 19 26

do. do. 228 06

do. do. three. 97 35

do. do. six. 7 42

do. do. seven. 59 30

do. do. eight. 29 23

do. do. eleven. 120 56

do. do. twelve. 43 45

do. do. fourteen. 108 20

do. do. fifteen. 110 66

do. do. sixteen. 7 31

do. do. seventeen. 50 11

do. do. eighteen. 86 25

do. do. nineteen. 22 19

County fund. 3087 94 3817 70

Total amount in the Co. Treasury. 9981 26

ASSETS

Delinquent taxes of 1865. \$7619 63

Delinquent taxes of 1864. 1865 and 1866. 22250 36

Interest due and delinquent taxes. 2231 00 3211 00

Total amount assets. 3211 00

INDEBTEDNESS.

Due state of Minnesota. 1865. 1866. 1867.

Interest on 1865. 5595 54

do. 1866. 2950 00

do. taxes. 3311 00

do. road and county taxes. 9163 18

County orders outstanding. 503 28 2175600

Total amount liabilities. 21756 00

Delinquent taxes due the Co. 10324 00

S. J. SMITH, Chairman of the Bd Co. Comrs.

Attest: OTTO WALMARK, County Auditor.

80

N. H. HUMPHREY, 1 day canvassing election returns from Wyoming.

Wm. Comer 1 day canvassing election returns.

Robt Currie justice fee and for witness in criminal case.

15 47

Total amount. 541 53

3350 45

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES ON HAN.

Amount paid the County Treas. for 1865. \$1065 99

Received State appropriation of school fund \$514 65

Miscellany.

LINES

KINNOED A BOMB IN A CALIFORNIA MAIL-STEAMER.

BY H. B. DOWDELL.

With all the crossed knuckles,
Till the last, the last, the last,
Nobin but, rockin' and rollin',
And pitchin' from the very first—
The last, the last, the last, the last,
Lydia, every minute to last.

First wade side, drum it, and then tuck it,
Till I'm dogged if I'm wet to the skin,
Rock, roll, pitch, roll, pitch, roll,
I saw a body was i-knockin' out!

None in em seems to keer 60 cents
How bout a feller may fer,
Comin' in with a bottle of beer,
Folin' away his time on a wheel,

That's the captin'! alit if provokin'
To see that critter, all the time the trip,
Comin' in with a bottle of beer,
Wen he be or is a minnow on his ship.

It's enuf to aggravate a body,
And it's stut manners, I think,
Tossin' a bottle of beer, may fer,
And neverakin' may parsonin' to drink.

And the pass, all he keers fur,
Is for a time with his pals,
Loyin' and rollin' and rockin' him
Folin' and carin' on among the gals!

And when he's tired of that, wot follers?
In his little cabinin' that he sets
Like a rock, roll, pitch, roll, pitch, roll,
Fust a feller's a feller's a feller.

That's all they keers for, passagars,
Is, to git the two-bunners.

Nobin but, rockin' and rollin',
And pitchin' from the very first,

Then he may be, he may be to last.

It's enuf to distractin',

In a bly, and wot wot to last,

Heckin' and rollin' and rockin', mornin'.

Out' on em comin'—captin', mornin'.

Wot may be, he may be to last.

Then may be,

Congressional Doings.

In the Senate, on the 1st, a resolution was reported for the disbanding of the militia of the rebel States. The concurrent resolution relative to the reception of Congressmen from the insurgent States was discussed by Messrs. Stewart, Johnson and Wade, and an understanding arrived at that a vote thereon should be taken to-day.

In the House, on the 1st, the Judiciary Committee reported amendments to the Senate bill to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights and furnish the means of their vindication. Remarks thereon were made by Messrs. Raymond of New York, Rogers of New Jersey, and Cook of Illinois. The miscellaneous appropriation bill was passed.

In the Senate, on the 2d, a resolution was introduced, and ordered printed, instructing inquiry into the expediency of passing a law calling a National Convention to consider amendments to the Constitution. The bill was passed granting lands to aid in the construction of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad. Springfield, Missouri, being the eastern terminus; the road to be completed by July 4, 1868. The concurrent resolution excluding Southern Congressmen until Congress shall have declared their States entitled to representation, was passed by a vote of 20 to 18—among the nays being Lane of Kansas, Cowan, Dixon, Dooley, Morgan, Neumuth, Norton, Stewart, and Van Winkle. During the debate on the resolution, Garrett Davis declared that the President ought forthwith to recognize the opposition members and the Southern claimants as the majority of the Senate.

In the House, on the 2d, the Committee on Roads and Bridges reported a bill for the construction of a ship canal around the Falls of Niagara. It was read twice and recommitted. A petition was received from 500 colored citizens of Georgia, asking for the right of suffrage.

In the Senate, on the 3d, Mr. Wilson introduced joint resolutions, which were referred to the Reconstruction Committee, declaring that any one of the rebel States shall be entitled to resume complete practical relations with the United States whenever its Legislature shall adopt, irreversibly, these fundamental principles: The abrogation of all laws, &c., making distinctions on account of color or race; the granting of the right of suffrage to negroes who have served in the army or navy, who pay taxes on property, and who can read the United States Constitution; and the repudiation of all rebel debts or obligations. Mr. Pomeroy made a speech on the constitutional amendment relative to the basis of representation.

In the House, on the 4th, a resolution was introduced to guarantee the Mexican Republican loan of \$50,000,000. The Reconstruction Committee reported a resolution, "That the State of Tennessee is hereby declared to be one of the United States of America, on an equal footing with the other States, upon the express condition that the people of Tennessee will maintain and sustain in good faith their existing constitution; and the laws excluding rebels from voting, shall exclude rebels from eligibility to office; and shall never pay any rebel debt, or claim or pay any compensation for emancipated slaves." A minority report was presented by Messrs. Rogers and Grider, admitting Tennessee members without conditions. Messrs. Washburne and Boutwell dissented from the majority report on the ground that it did not require sufficient guarantees of fidelity to the Union and protection of the freedmen. The Speaker presented a letter to him from the Governor of North Carolina, which the House refused to receive. The army appropriation bill was passed. It contains a provision, inserted at the instance of Mr. Washburne, that no part of the money appropriated shall be paid to the Illinois Central Railroad for the transportation of U. S. troops or property, and that the Attorney-General shall commence suit to recover the money heretofore paid to the Company for such transportation.

In the Senate, on the 6th, resolutions were introduced to establish quarantining regulations against the cholera. A bill was reported to establish telegraphic communication between New York and the West Indies. The bill to reimburse Missouri for militia expense was passed. A speech was made by Mr. Sanbury of Delaware upon the constitutional amendment relative to the basis of representation. A message was received from the President, transmitting, in accordance with request, documents relative to the provisional governments of the late rebel States. The resolution giving the assent of Congress to the annexation of Berkeley and Jefferson counties, in Virginia, to West Virginia, was adopted.

In the House, on the 6th, the Committee on Reconstruction reported testimony relative to the condition of affairs at the South. Mr. Schenck's amendment to the Military Academy bill—that none of the money appropriated should be applied toward the pay or subsistence of cadets appointed from any State, was adopted, April 1, 1866, until such State shall have been restored to its original relations by act of Congress. It was adopted by 80 to 20; and the bill was then passed. The bill regulating trade with the British North American Provinces was discussed.

In the Senate, on the 7th, a resolution was adopted instructing the Committee on Foreign Affairs to report a bill for the appointment of a Commission to examine into the subject of cholera precautions, and to attend the Cholera Congress in Europe. The constitutional amendment in regard to the basis of representation was considered. Mr. Sumner spoke against it, and Mr. Douglass favored representation according to the number of voters.

In the House, on the 7th, the Reconstruction Committee reported testimony as to the state of affairs in Louisiana, Texas, and Florida. The Senate amendment to the resolution relative to the transfer of the command of Berkeley and Jefferson from Virginia to West Virginia was concurred in. The Committee on Military Affairs reported a bill to reorganize the army. The bill to regulate trade with the British North American Provinces was discussed. Mr. Kelley of Pennsylvania speaking at length in opposition to the measure.

The Senate has rejected the nomination of Mr. Boncristiano as U. S. Marshal for Maryland. Mr. B. was appointed at the instance of Montgomery Blair and Reverdy Johnson.

How Machinery Outgrows Original Calculations.

There is probably not an inventor who does not believe, at the moment of perfecting a really great discovery, that he has accomplished much more than he has really done—secured something nearly approaching to perfection, if not quite reaching it; his fact being, meanwhile, that he has not yet attained the point of perfection, and that he must still work on, until he reaches it. The machine, however, is not yet quite attaining perfection as presented by the old fire-loot of the sixteenth century, which required a second man to carry the iron and steel parts, and had to be set up again when the piece was to be discharged, when compared with the breech-loading repeater of the present day, which is itself destined, no doubt, to be considered a clumsy contrivance by some near-approaching age when compared with the practical value of small purposes. It carries ten times the weight of its original weight, and points its direction through the means of automatic machinery.

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Sound Sentiments.

Hon. H. C. Warmouth, of Louisiana, recently delivered in Washington, an address replete with sound facts and incontrovertible logic. We take from it the following paragraphs, (published in the *Reconstructionist*) beautiful in sentiment and strong in reason:

The colored people of the South stand up like a mountain amidst the plain of almost universal disloyalty. They have been through this great contest the friends of the Republic. They have spread flowers in the pathway of your advancing legions, they have nursed your wounded comrades hastily left upon defeated battlefields. They have cheered them in their hours of gloom and despondency, and when death closed the soldier's life, they wiped his brow from his brow the cold sweat of death, and quietly and kindly amid tears for a fallen brother, laid his premature grave. The escaped patriot from Andersonville, found in the seaboard men a guide by night and a counselor by day. They fed him and cheered him, and led him to his flag; and when driven into the country, when the enemies were victorious on every field, when Europe rejoiced in the hope of our overthrow and kindly fed the flame which all began to fail, and hope stood afar off, they came to the rescue, one hundred and sixty thousand, without promise for the future, with indifferent and unequal pay; with an enemy who gave them quarter, they fought, bled, and many died, that the country might live. It lives, and who shall say that the race whom we have enslaved and despised has not won, for itself the imperishable renown, equalled only by our own caste [Applause].

And who shall say that these people who have toiled for us for generations, and who notwithstanding their oppression and the untold and revolting cruelties heaped upon them, and the little hope for the future, have all and always remained true to the flag—have done so much for the country and our success; and are now our greatest hope for loyalty in the South, shall not be received by the government of this nation?

With that population enfranchised, and protected, the disloyalty of the South will melt away like a light snow under a summer's sun. Popular sentiment must turn down disloyal language and treasonable sentiments. You cannot reach it by law, but the people must be as inexorable as truth and kill it as it comes; and the personal insults of traitors—[Applause].

This is the remedy; none other will cure the evil. It builds up the Constitution, makes healthy the body politic, and at the same time vindicates the disloyal, who will supply the government; it will save your Republic. Nothing less will cure. You may hold the patient for a time, but cure can only be effected by the eradication of the disease. [Cheers and applause.]

500,000 Acres of Government Lands for Minnesotans.

An old and forgotten law of Congress has been raked up, by which it was provided that each new State admitted should have 500,000 acres of public land for internal improvements. On investigation it turns out that Minnesota has never had this portion, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office has confirmed the right of the State to the same.

Mr. E. B. Drake, President of the Minnesota Valley R. R. Company, was principally instrumental in tracing out the matter. The *St. Paul Press* proposes that the proceeds be applied to the payment of the State Railroad Bonds.

Digest of Osecola Locals.

From the *Polk Co. Press*.

Capt. Storer will have his boat ready to launch two or three weeks.

Capt. Bradley is pushing *Minnie Wild* into the water. She will be ready to travel by the 15th prox.

Capt. Winch is getting on famously with his craft. It has not yet been christened.

Mr. HENRY BARNES has opened a new Cooper Shop in this village.

Quite a number of families contemplate emigrating to this part of the valley early in the Spring.

Arrangements are about completed which will result in the putting up of a Carding Mill next summer in this village.

Capt. Knapp will soon have the frame of his cabin on *Vida Knapp*. The vase and balls of his jack staff take the shine out of anything on the river. Capt. may well be proud of his splendid outfit.

MARRIED.—On Thursday evening March 23, 1866, at the Osecola House, by the Rev. William McKinley, Capt. Cyrus Bradley to Mrs. Mary Foster, both of this village.

Never before has our village witnessed so grand a wedding party. Upwards of two hundred persons were present.

“Sweet cake, sweet wine, sweet kisses,

Now for life's woes and blisses—

The world is two o'clock.”

State News.

The *St. Paul Pioneer* has been designated as the official paper of Ramsey county and St. Paul.

The *Fort Garry Nor' Wester* is alarmed at the threatened disturbance of relations between the Indians and the English.

The people at St. Cloud have been holding a series of *Montana* meetings which have been addressed by our irreducible, Captain Fisk.

The House Committee on Ways and Means have reported adversely to the tax on distilled spirits from \$2 to \$1 per gallon, as recommended by the Revenue Commission.

TAX AUDITOR has sent instructions to the various County Auditors to offer all homesteads for sale where the taxes are not paid, notwithstanding the decision of Commissioner Edmunds that the lands be pre-empted under the Homestead Act are not subject to taxation.

The Superior *Gazette* is informed by a gentleman who was lately in Hudson, the southern terminus of the road, that parties who wish to be posted, confidently assert that this road will be built and in running order between Hudson and Superior, within two years. The only doubt we entertain is as to the completion of the road within the time named.

A. BALDWIN has lately erected some new flouring mills at Hinson on the St. Croix. These mills are said to be the best of Chicago. They are five stories high, contain five run of stones, and will be completed in five months from the time the first blow was struck upon them. Their cost is estimated at about \$50,000 including dams, and they have the capacity to turn out two hundred barrels of flour daily.

IMPORTANT LAW.—The following is an extract from a law passed at the last session of the Legislature, which we trust, will be of interest:

Whoever wilfully or knowingly deposits or casts into the Mississippi or Lake Pepin, or any other lake, creek or river in the State of Minnesota, or disposes upon the ice of either, the dead body of any horse, or any other animal or of any such animal, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding two years. The officers to be chosen are, 3 Supervisors; 1 Town Clerk; 1 Treasurer; 1 Assessor; 2 Assessors of the Peace; 2 Constables; 2 Road Overseers. We have not as yet heard of any particular ticket in the field.

A. WHITE.—Our quiet community was somewhat excited on Tuesday by an affair that occurred in the lounging room of one of our most respectable hotels. The circumstances as we gleaned them after the encounter appear to be as follows:—Sometime during the forenoon a teamster had worked himself into a terrible passion over a bulky horse—had him tied to a tree and was cruelly beating him. The hostler of the aforesaid house, chancing by at the time interfered and remonstrated with the irate John, threatening to prosecute him if he did not desist. A wordy quarrel ensued and the whole affair culminated during the evening in a warlike encounter, which resulted in a ghastly looking physiognomy borne from the dark and bloody ground by the teamster and loud crowing by the victorious “cock of the walk.”

THE CONCERT.—The Amateur Concert which for two weeks has demanded the undivided attention of our Glee Club and elicited such various comments from outside circles, came off on Wednesday evening last. During the day the weather was as inconsistent as it well could be, one moment snowing and blowing fiercely, the next clear and warm as June. In the evening however pale Luna smiled auspiciously from a clear sky and the Church was filled at the appointed hour, to such an extent that many were obliged to stand. We greatly regret that our space and time will not permit such a detailed review as its actual merits demand. Suffice it to say that considering the brief time occupied in preparation it was a decided success and displayed great musical ability and skill. The solo and duets were all rendered with spirit; the choruses with power and precision; the comic were all irresistible, while the instrumental music showed professional tact and talent. The pleasure of the entertainment was greatly enhanced by the String Band with the piano accompaniment. Any comparison would appear invidious where all performers acquitted themselves with such infinite credit. Without doubt many details would admit of severe criticism, but that its faults were counterbalanced by its actual merits is made more than apparent by the enthusiastic approbation manifested by the appreciative audience.

We trust that the Amateurs may gather encouragement from the manner in which their first appearance before the public was received to give a repetition at no very distant day.

Local and Miscellaneous.

The steamer *G. H. Gray* is undergoing repairs at Prescott.

A LADY was asked the other day why she chose to lead a single life. She naively replied:—“Because I'm not able to support a husband.”—Sharp.

Good friends and neighbors from the neat little rural village of Osecola attended the entertainment here in town on Wednesday night in full force. So far as we could ascertain they departed well pleased and satisfied.

THE LAST HOR.—After being regaled with sweet singing those of the audience who felt so disposed adjourned from the church to the ball room at Lish's where they danced away what remained of the night. This will probably wind up the course of winter dances.

A NEW YORK judge has rendered the following opinion about newspaper thievery: “He that steals, or reads without paying for it, a neighbor's newspaper, is as much guilty of crime as the man who fires his neighbor's barn, for he robs the printer as well as the subscriber.”

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.—This annual meeting for the Taylors Falls township will be held at the school house in District No. 1, of the town of Taylors Falls on the 3d day of April, 1866, for the purpose of choosing town officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before such meeting. The officers to be chosen are, 3 Supervisors; 1 Town Clerk; 1 Treasurer; 1 Assessor; 2 Assessors of the Peace; 2 Constables; 2 Road Overseers. We have not as yet heard of any particular ticket in the field.

VERSILLION.—Specimens of gold bearing quartz are continually finding their way from Vermillion to this place, and serve to add fuel to the flame of excitement which is on the increase. Several of our citizens design going through within a few weeks should the reports continue favorable. Thousands of gold seekers are already on the road. Our Sunriser correspondent writes us that a New York company numbering five hundred was on its way through that place last Saturday.

“SNOW.”—The following exquisite little gem from the March number of the Atlantic is from the pen of T. B. Aldrich:

The summer comes and the summer goes—
Wild flowers are bringing the dusty days,
The sparrows gadding through fragrant rains,
And all is sudden—it is over!

Dear Heart! our leaves happily blow,
So lightly we let the flying hours,
We only know winter is gone—by the flowers,
We only know winter has come—by the snow.

Health and Location,

Our charming little town is situated upon the eastern line of Chicago County on the beautiful St. Croix river. It has access to many leading avenues of commerce and must in a few years at farthest become a grand central repository and emporium of the fertile and teeming valleys and uplands which surround it.

Added to its important commercial advantages it possesses in its surroundings a natural scenery which for grandeur and beauty has been the subject of pen and pencil, and stands unsurpassed. Characteristic of the landscape is its freedom from monotony. The eye experiencing a constant relief by successions of exquisitely lovely views of forest, vale and stream. The St. Croix Valley scenery is especially magnificent and has for many years been the favorite resort of travelers and tourists. The river languid and luxuriant in itself with its shadowy reflection of woods, clouds, and the deep blue sky, placidly painted in its quiet waters, winds far away into the dim distance through innumerable vistas and woody intervals; here and there the residence of the hardy pioneer clinging lovingly to its fringed banks, and anon the boldly defined forms of its steep, precipitous ridges like castles on the Rhine. All form prominent features in this vast and ever varying panorama of Nature. And notwithstanding that nature has lavished so profusely her adornments on this favored region, she has still more contributed to enhance its charms in blessing it with an unexampled degree of healthfulness. This is from no mere conjecture but a reliable knowledge of facts, established by many years residence and experience. We might adduce evidence to demonstrate to the most obtuse, the fact, that for general salubrity this vicinity ranks higher than any other portion of the states, which with its remarkable beauty of scenery and hosts of natural advantages forms a chain of circumstances to rare and inviting to all of a just appreciation by the home-seeker in the beautiful Northwest.

The lawyer's motto—be brief, The doctor's motto—be patient. The potter's motto—beware. The typesetter's motto—be composed.

DUN.—We are pained to learn of the death of Miss Mary Draper aged 22, at Sunrise City of Consumption. She had a large circle of acquaintances who deplored her loss.

ANTI-MONOPOLIST.—The *Viola* of Hudson has been thoroughly repaired and refitted at St. Louis, and is prepared to return and renew her old trade as was Lake Pepin is open for navigation.

FRANCONIA P. O.—A new post office has been established at Franconia and is now awaiting the appointment of a P. M. It will soon be a full fledged town as it continues to increase as rapidly as it continues to increase.

INCOMPREHENSIBLE PRE-EMPTION.—There was a poringinian trial of slight of hand performers at the Chicago House yesterday evening. A hand of lookers on witnessed their wonderful performances and rewarded them with enthusiastic plaudits and postal currency pro rata.

As a sequel the audience tripped the “light fantastic” to music directed by a female fiddler.

ST. PAUL, MARCH 23, 1866.

DEAR REPORTER.—It seems to be a settled fact that winter has fairly set in. Yesterday we had another snow storm and to-day the air is resonant with the jingle of sleigh bells and the streets are almost impassable to those of us who are compelled to go about.

St. Paul is alive just now. Last Monday night, Gen. McCormick made a frantic attempt to stir up the public mind and to get the Finnegans to “organize,” but alas! “The best laid plans of mice and men, gang aft agley” and so did his, one of the “sancti patres,” rather wrought confusion to the gallant Gen. M., by a speech wherein he denounced the present state of affairs and asked “how about the split?” Like all Mick assemblages the meeting ended in a wavy roar, and the “authorised agent” returned to his hotel with his Finnegans treasured in a collapsed condition. He tried to get Gen. Sweeny up here but S., couldn't see it.

Business is dull except at the Hotels and Saloons. Night before last we had a big fire here, in imitation of our sister city, it burned up some dutch holes and made room for a stone block. Those of you readers who served in the First Regiment will be pained to learn of the death of their old Surgeon, Dr. Wm. H. Morton, whom a noble man nor one with a warmer heart, never lived. He died day before yesterday at the International Hotel, of Conjeston of the Brain with a very short illness.

The prospects look well for business in the spring. Several fine stone blocks will be erected. The remodeling of the “Mer-hants,” will progress, and things will again be lively.

Capt. Fisk, got back from New York a few days ago, and is now preparing for his expedition to Montana in the spring. News from Vermillion is encouraging. A company of surveyors from New York started for Superior City April 3, 1865 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. as the property of and belonging to the estate of said William H. Arvan deceased. The following described real estate situated on the 23d of December, A. D. 1865, in the name of the estate of William H. Arvan deceased, will be offered for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder at the front door of the post office in the town of Taylors Falls in the county of Chisago in the east half of the north east quarter and the north west quarter of section four [14] of township thirty-five [25] of Range twenty [20] containing 240 acres more or less. Also the east half of the north east quarter and the north west quarter of said township thirty-five [25] of range twenty [20] containing 119.55-100 acres more or less.

Colonel Burt was a resident of this city in 1857, where he pursued a successful legal practice up to the spring of 1862, when in a few days' time, he recruited a company for the 7th Minnesota regiment, and was made its Captain. He served during one campaign against the Sioux Indians with marked ability, and soon after, being ordered south in 1864, was promoted to the rank of Major—subsequently was brevetted Lieutenant Col.

Col. Burt returned to this city last autumn, after his regiment was mustered out of the service—but his health being much impaired by reason of his southern campaigns, he determined to spend the winter in his native New England, hoping thereby to recuperate his wasted energies. Col. Burt was a man of great energy of character, and previous to entering the military service had acquired a high position in the legal profession.

He represented our county one term in the Legislature where he was regarded as one of the leading members of that body, and held other important political positions in our county. His death will be deeply deplored.—*Sillwater Messenger.*

DEFECTIVE PAGE

ECLIPSE.—The total eclipse of the moon which occurred last night was one of the most beautiful of Nature's varied performances. The sky was unclouded by a cloud and the moon hung like a resplendent jewel in the firmament, while it was gradually dimmed by the earth's shadow stealing over it.

ECLIPSE.—The ice is rapidly breaking up in the river, soon the steamer's welcome “tow” will be heard at our levee.

SO MERRING NEW.—We call attention to the advertisement of the Duplex Elliptical or double Spring Skirt. Though a recent invention, it has become very popular, and is rapidly obtaining the preference over other kinds in use. The rods in it are composed each of two delicate and well tempered steel springs, which are ingeniously braided together edge to edge, the lower rods heavier, and having a double covering. This peculiarity of construction makes this skirt very strong and durable, and also is exceedingly flexible that it rapidly adapts itself to the form of the wearer, and allows of any amount of doubling and crumpling without injury to its shape.

These skirts are unquestionably the lightest, most desirable, comfortable and economical ever made. These advantages which ladies, who have experienced the discomfort or inconvenience of ordinary springs, will duly appreciate.

TUE. ST. PAUL PRESS says W. L. Banning, President of the Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad, has agreed to a contract for England and Belgium, with four railroads, to be started for

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Miscellany.

THE LAST LEAF.

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

This following may be old to many of our readers, but is emphatically good.—Few equally successful combinations of poetic description and genuine humor have ever appeared.

I saw him once before,

As he passed by the door,

The pavement stones resound

As he trots over the ground.

With a smile,

They say that it's him,

Even the king of Time

Cut him down.

Not a last word he found

By the side of his tomb

Through the snow.

But now he walks the streets,

And looks all he needs

Say and wait,

And comes as he said,

They are gone.

The snow-matches rest,

On the side of his press'd

In their boxes.

And the names are loved to hear,

Having been many a year

On the tomb.

My grandmother has sold—

Over old baly, she is dead

That he left a Roman nose,

And a cheek was like a rose

With a smile.

But now it is a thing,

And it rests upon his chin

Like a star,

And a smile is a look,

And a melancholy crack

In his laugh.

I know it is a sin

For me to say a grim

At him here;

But that is a secret, and all that,

Are so quiet.

And if I should like to be

The last leaf on the tree

Let them smile as I do now

At them, and laugh enough

Where I sing.

→ The Federal Chameleon.

An interesting sketch of Scouting Strategy.

One evening about an hour after the sun had set, a couple of stout men dressed in soldier's uniforms, and holding in their hands a good Austrian rifle, tapped at the door of a small frame building near the C— road in Virginia.

The knock was answered by an old woman whose face was almost concealed by the tangle of masses of her gray, uncouth and disheveled hair.

"And what do you want here?" she exclaimed, as her steep-set eyes flashed on the two men. "I haven't the smallest bit of job or service in the house to offer you, for it was all—"

"No, no," interrupted one of the soldiers, "we don't want anything to eat; but we want to tell you, and that in quick time, too, whether or not you've seen a slight but strong-looking sign of a man go by here of late."

"Which way did he go after he left you?" inquired both men eagerly.

"Before I answer that question, you must tell me who he is," said the old woman with the tangle of masses of her gray, uncouth and disheveled hair.

"He's a Federal Chameleon," because he changes his uniform so often. Sometimes it is blue, other times grey, and he has even been seen in the uniform of an old farmer. He has shot more of our men than any other, and he has been captured by us, and we have carried him to the rear, and the Southern troops heard from others who were brought to share their quarters, that the Southern troops were surprised and totally routed.

another room, but came forth in a few minutes with a gray blanket thrown over her shoulders.

"I took this out of the Yank's ha've-sack," said she, with a short, dry laugh.

"Don't you think it becomes me?"

"Aye, aye, my good woman, don't you lead on if you please, for we have no time for formalities."

"Forward, march! Close up! close up!"

And she moved along the road at the halting pace natural to a person of her years.

The night by this time had become very dark. The sky was obscured with driving clouds, and the wind screamed and roared, and the tall trees that towered upon each side of the road. Occasionally a branch wrenched from its native trunk would fall into the road, with a terrible crash, and more than once the rebels started back and cracked their pieces in the belief that some Yankee rider had caused the discharge of some Yankee rifle.

"Ha! ha! ha!" laughed the old hag upon one of these occasions, "it seems to you that you are easily startled. Don't you know that the commander might have picked a pair of bolder hearts than yours for this exhibition?"

"You'd better keep a silent tongue in your head, my good woman, until you have had an opportunity to witness many battles, and to learn the value of your command," said a good soldier who always carried his rifle.

"Aye, aye!" replied the old woman.

"But he should know how to distinguish between the crackling of a branch and the ring of a rifled musket."

"I know that he should, but he makes me sick with his noise."

"The old dog is a loud, clear challenge suddenly started the rebels."

"Halt! Who comes there?"

"Friend! I am the old woman in a rags," replied the old hag, who had been puffed up by the noise of the rebels.

"We are betrayed," yelled her companions; and even as the words passed their lips, they were surrounded by a dozen Federal soldiers, one of whom carried a lance.

Samuel Covert, whose inhuman murder of a family named Roosa, near Lebanon, Ohio, some months ago, will be recollected, has found guilty, and will be hanged.

The Rhode Island Legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the exclusion of children from a public school on account of color or race.

The law goes into effect on the 15th of May next.

The trial of Detective Baker, at Washington, came up on the 8th, on the second indictment, charging him with felonious assault on Mrs. Cobb, but was postponed until the 26th prox.

The drenching rains have caused an additional rise to the already swollen streams throughout Indiana. The Wabash has overflowed its banks in many places, causing a good deal of damage.

Mr. Peterson, in whose house President Lincoln died, has received from the Treasury \$200 for alleged personal services, injury to furniture, etc., on the occasion of Mr. Lincoln's decease.

Three of the Missouri railroads, to wit, the Southwest Branch of the Pacific Railroad, the Iron Mountain Railway, and the Cairo & Fulton Railroad, are offered for sale within the present year.

A man and woman were arrested, on the 7th, for cutting the curtains in the East Room of the White House, and taken before the Superintendent of Police, who held the man for further investigation.

The United States Consul at Liverpool writes that vaccination for the cattle plague has proved a failure, and that the only way to stop the spread of the disease is to kill the cattle as soon as they are attacked.

Mr. H. C. Cain, his brother, As long as he was Abel.

.....Why is the Rinderpest like a mouse? Because it can't catch it.

.....What is the kind of sympathy? To be puffed by the small pox.

.....A man's property may be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, and he is not a cent.

.....An editor has lost his list of births, marriages and deaths, thus:—"Hatched, mated, and brooded."

....."What's whiskey bringing?" asked a dealer. "Bringing men to the gallows, and women and children to want," was the reply.

.....Gail Hamilton can be a daughter, sister, friend, without impeachment of one's sagacity; but it is a dreadful endorsement of every man's right to kill.

....."How do you define 'black as your eye ball'?" said a reporter to one of his编辑.

....."Husband I hope you have no objection to my being weighed?" "Certainly not, my dear but why do you ask the question?"

....."Only to see, if you would let me have my weight."

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WILL Presented.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF CHISAGO.

In CHISAGO COUNTY, March 15th 1865.

An Inventory is being made, pertaining to the

late Will of Testator, John B. Whiting, deceased late of the county of Chisago, having been presented to this Court, by

Erasmus D. Whiting sole executor, therein named, and will be admitted in writing, pur-
taining to the last Will and Testament of John B. Whiting, deceased, admitted to probate on Monday the 9th day of April A. D. 1866, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the office of Receiver of the Taylor Falls, Chisago County, Minn.

It is further ordered, that the will be admitted to probate on the 15th day of April, 1866.

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